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For: COMPACT, INTEGRATED SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING TEST SAMPLES

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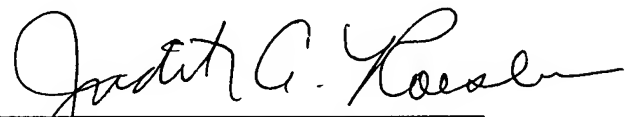
Applicants respectfully submit the following for filing in the above-referenced application:

- (1) Transmittal
- (2) Reply to Restriction Requirement
- (3) Postcard

No fee is believed due at this time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0364.

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Respectfully submitted,

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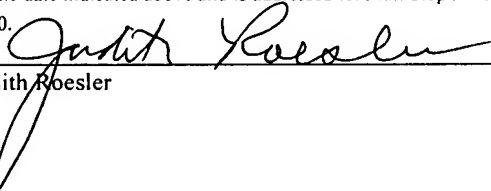
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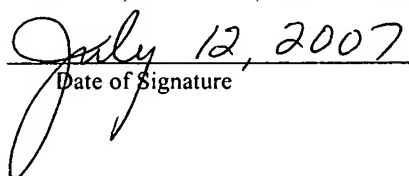
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants provide this Reply to Restriction Requirement in response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2007.

Per the Office Action, a restriction requirement of one of the following groups of claims has been required:

Group I: Claims 1-13 and 18-24, drawn to a sample processing system, classified in class 422, subclass 50.

Group II: Claims 14-17 and 25, drawn to a liquid handling robot comprising a pipette tip tray dispenser, classified in class 436, subclass 47.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect without traverse **Group I**, claims 1-13 and 18-24.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional(s) for the claims not elected in response to

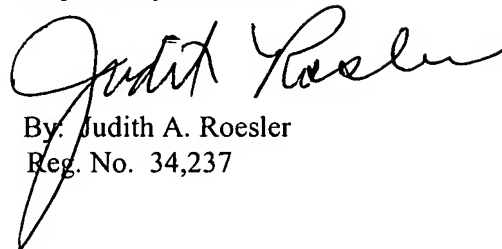
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the restriction requirement.

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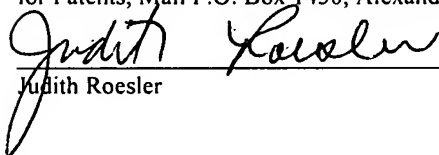


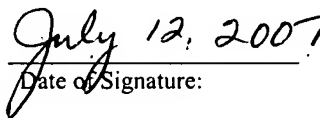
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